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FREEHOLDER JEFFREY J. HOGAN ANNOUNCES SHERI LAWS AS 2008 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Jeffrey J. Hogan, Chair of the County Health & Social Services Committee, announced the selection of Volunteers of the Year for the Salem County Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse (MAPSA) held at their annual dinner at the J.G. Cook's Riverview Inn in Pennsville on October 22, 2008.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of the Salem County Municipal Alliance," said Freeholder Jeffrey Hogan. "The collaborative achievements of this organization are a testament to your dedication to make Salem County a better place."

Over 100 people including dignitaries such as Assemblyman Douglas Fisher, Freeholder Director Lee Ware, Freeholder Bruce Bobbit, Freeholder Dave Lindenmuth, and Freeholder Julie Acton attended the annual event to witness Sheri Laws of Lower Alloways Creek Municipal Alliance named as 2008 County Volunteer of the Year. Special recognition was also given to Rebecca Joyce of Alloway, Stan Field of Carneys Point/Penns Grove, Charisse Newcomer of Pennsville and Patrolman John Colon of Salem City for volunteering their time to plan and implement substance abuse education and awareness program in their communities and schools.

Also receiving special recognition was the Salem County 2000 Internet Safety Initiative, presented by Patrolman John Colon on behalf of all the Municipal Alliance Committees. The Salem County 2000 Internet Safety Initiative includes partners from the NJ State Police Cyber Crime Unit, Salem County 2000, Salem Community College, Salem County Prosecutor's Office, county municipal alliances, local police departments, county school districts, and E.I. DuPont through a generous grant from the Salem Health & Wellness Foundation.

"The Alliance brings together citizens from the business, church, and school community as well as members of the local organizations to work with law enforcement to provide quality programs to educate our citizens about drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and misuse," said Freeholder Hogan. "The people of Salem County are blessed to have such committed volunteers."

The Municipal Alliance program is funded by a grant from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through fines collected from drug related offenses and is supported by the County Board of Chosen Freeholders and local municipal governments. For more information or to volunteer in your community contact: Brenda Parris Banks, Salem County Municipal Alliance Coordinator at 935-7510 ext. 8459 or via e-mail at Brenda.Banks@salemcountynj.gov or your local Township Clerk.



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